

Holy Baptism



13th August Archie Benjamin Caslake
Charlie Jack Caslake

3rd September Abby Claire Caslake

10th September Conrad Peter Speller

In Peace



21st August Sheelagh Cannon

Holy Matrimony



26th August Dean James and Helen Rea

Mothers Union

Thursday 12th October 7pm Peter Ruffles
The Making of Hertford

Peter will give a slideshow and talk in the Memorial Chapel.

Bible Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 3rd October. We will be studying Luke Chapter 12. All welcome.

Michael Stephens-Jones



To mark Michael's move to the next phase of his musical career at Dean Close and Tewkesbury he was presented with a Music Room voucher, some piano music and a handy reference guide (see photo above).

Michael writes:

Thank you firstly for the Music Room voucher which Martin presented to me at the Choir Barbeque; three guesses what I'll be spending it on!

Thanks also for all your support and encouragement over the last 11 years, and in particular to the choir for taking my various attempts to accompany and direct you in your stride, with such good humour and patience.

I've had a fantastic time and will miss you all very much, but will be back whenever I can!

*All the best,
Michael*

Flowers at All Saints

The Flower Club hope that you enjoy what we are doing for Harvest this year, and we hope to be able to continue to provide such displays at Festivals, and flowers at other times during the year.

However, like all things, flowers cost money and these costs have risen steeply over the last months. While we have a little in reserve, we have spent more on flowers that we have had in financially this year –

we rely on weddings to fund the flowers but we have not sold any 'full packages' this year, just smaller arrangements.

The PCC have very kindly offered to assist, but the Church in general needs more money to pay it's way, so no need for the Flower Club to transfer our needs to them!

Donations for flowers are always welcome throughout the year, and we are happy to arrange flowers for you to remember a special person or anniversary in the Memorial Chapel, on the Altar or elsewhere in church. Just speak to me or Fiona Earle for further information.

We will continue to provide flowers within our means, and this may mean seeing some plants around, fewer or smaller arrangements, or even the use of 'long lasting blooms'!

We also have fewer people able to assist us with flowers than ever before so new faces are always welcome to join our four small teams. No training required, just enthusiasm for what we do! Guidance can be given to beginners on the basics of flower arranging, so whether you are experienced or would like to try something new you will be made most welcome.

Thank you all for your ongoing support

Dorothy Toyn

Evensong themes and music in October

8th October Rebooting my pilgrimage 3: *God among us*

Psalm 29 - *South*
Gibbons Short Service
O God, the King of Glory - *Purcell*

15th October 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Psalm 46 - *Luther*
Farrant Short Service
A safe stronghold BWV 80 – *J.S.Bach*

22nd October Rebooting my pilgrimage 4: *Ever-present God*

Psalm 51.9-end - *Morley*
Stanford in Bb
The Spirit of the Lord - *Elgar*

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HARVEST SUNDAY

1 OCTOBER 2017

Festival Family Service

10.00am

Followed by activities and Refreshments

HARVEST LUNCH

12.30pm

In St John's Hall

Please Sign Up at the back of the Church

CHORAL COMMUNION: 6.30pm www.allsaintshertford.org

The Bible in 50 words

God made
Adam bit
Noah arked
Abraham split

Joseph ruled
Jacob fooled
Bush talked
Moses balked

Pharaoh plagued
People walked
Sea divided
Tablets guided

Promise landed
Saul freaked
David peaked
Prophets warned

Jesus born
God walked
Love talked
Anger crucified

Hope died
Love rose
Spirit flamed
Word spread

God remained.

The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517, signalling the start of the Protestant Reformation. He was protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent in purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: 'You can't buy God's friendship!'

Luther rediscovered the truths of God's grace: 'For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith'.' (Romans 1:17). He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and forgiveness is not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and His acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the Church of Luther's day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: 'Here I stand; I can do no other!'

Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. In what ways can we slip into a mindset that seeks God's approval for what we achieve in our spiritual lives, rather than in how we can serve as a response to all He has done for us? We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!

'Be a sinner, and let your sins be strong (sin boldly), but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world.' (Martin Luther).

The Sleep Diet?

If you want a slimmer waist, sleep more. A recent study by the University of Leeds has found that those of us who sleep for six hours or less have waists on average 3 cm larger than those of us who sleep for 8 hours.

Shorter sleep also lowers your levels of good cholesterol, which helps you remove fat from your body. The study recommends seven to nine hours is best for most adults.

Welwyn Garden City Orchestra

Sunday 8 October 7:00pm

Tewin Bury Farm Hotel Tythe Barn AL6 0JB

Conductor James Ross

Schumann Cello Concerto

Soloist - Sebastian Kozub, The Purcell School

Brahms Serenade No.1

Dvořák Legends

Tickets £12.50 Available online at www.wgcms.org.uk
Also for sale at Hill & Co Welwyn or on the door. For ticket information, call 01707 391224 or email tickets@wgcms.org.uk

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Girlfriend

When our minister and his wife visited our neighbour, her four-year-old daughter answered the door. "Mum!" she yelled toward the living room. "God's here, and he brought his girlfriend."